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Juniors Attend Career Day Assembly and Conferences Guest Speaks Of Opportunities

Miss Margaret A. Rendt, Ph.D., the guest speaker at Bishop's annual Career Day, is a graduate of Mount St. Vincent. She is now Dean of Students and director of the Roosevelt House at Hunter College.

At the assembly, Miss Rendt told the girls, "we are carrying the Cross of Christ on our shoulders; we must carry it as high as possible." She also pointed out to the Juniors that a career is a general course of action in a life's work, but a vocation is a particular occupational calling within you. The vocation prominent among women is that of wife and mother, but no matter what your calling may be, "remember grooming is important, for people only know what's on the outside."

Having explained that fifty years ago the only careers open to women were that of maid, salesgirl, telephone operator and teacher, Miss Rendt stated that today women have the "world on a platter," and they must take advantage of it.

Date Set for Faculty Party

The annual faculty Christmas Party will be held on December 21st for the teaching staff.

Through the courtesy of the Music Department, a background of seasonal carols is planned.

The Cafeteria staff will provide the luncheon, while the Homemaking Department has prepared table appointments and the dessert.



Mr. Anthony Pugliese, Josephine Kelly, Eleanor Weldon and Miss Alejandra Foranda discuss advertising and commercial art.

Vigil Observed; Penance Urged

"P Day," a special day of prayer and penance, was held on December 7th, the vigil of the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Dedicated to Mary Immaculate, Patroness of the United States, it marks a plea for world peace.

The ceremony, held in the main corridor, included an Act of Consecration and hymns before the statue of Our Lady. Throughout the day, the observance was continued by vigils before her shrine, where flowers purchased with student contributions banked the statue.

Inaugurated in 1945, following World War II, by the Crusade and Religion departments, the commemoration is continued annually at Bishop's.

Volunteers, Charges Visit City's Christmas Sights

During this 1961 Christmas season, students of Bishop McDonnell will spread the holiday joy to the youngsters in St. Joseph's Hall, 735 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn. The dependent children who reside at the home range in age from two to eighteen years old and are under the guidance of the Sisters of Charity.

Each week, dozens of high school girls throughout Brooklyn and Queens volunteer their time and perform the tasks of laundering clothes, feeding the pre-school agers, or entertaining the shy children with games and story-telling. Aside from these services, Memorialites also have planned to accompany the children to New York City for the Yuletide where they may visit with Santa Claus or view the sights of the metropolis, as well as dine in one of the many famous New York restaurants. Many girls have arranged to invite a child to spend the day at their homes to share the warmth of a family dinner and participate in the traditions of the holidays. Students will also render assistance in other ways, such as wrapping gifts and helping the sub-teens iron clothing and groom themselves for the festivities.

Volunteer work is not limited to winter months alone. Jobs are available to teenagers as summer councillors in the Shoreham, Long Island Camp. There they may work from two weeks to one month with several tykes under their care. Many Memorialites correspond with the close friends they have made during their visits.

Although there are many girls giving up their time to help the less fortunate, more volunteers are always needed to help the Sisters in their work.



Panelists Tell Of Professions

Juniors of Bishop McDonnell participated in the annual Career Day on Tuesday, Nov. 21st. Preparations for the assembly were made by Sr. Anita Mary, S.C., and the Guidance Department.

Monsignor Cavanagh presided at and opened the assembly with an address to guest panelists and students. In his talk, Monsignor expressed gratitude to the visitors for their concern and interest. He promised that their sacrifice would be repaid by the Juniors' attentiveness. He then presented the guest speaker, Margaret A. Rendt, Ph.D., of Hunter College. She spoke of the numerous careers available to women today.

Following Miss Rendt's speech, the Juniors attended various conferences, each designed to inform the girls concerning specific careers. Some of the professions represented included nursing, infant care, fashion merchandising, social work, beauty culture, pharmacy, and medical technology, as well as elementary and high school teaching.

At the termination of the sessions, the faculty of Memorial and guest speakers were offered refreshments, prepared by the Homemaking Department, under the direction of Sr. Miriam Magdalene, S.C., and Sr. Marie Cornelius, S.C.

Crusaders Achieve Success; \$8,750 Netted for Missions

With the Crusade Drive results tallied, Sisters Teresa Baptist and Mary Theodora announced that Memorial surpassed its goal. Set at \$7,000, by its termination of November 10th, \$8,750 had been collected. Once again the students of Bishop McDonnell have proven that they are the most mission-minded people in Brooklyn.

The class that raised the most money was E31-105, whose official is Sister Margaret Frederick. When questioned about this achievement, Sister replied, "These girls certainly have captured the Church's and Memorial's true spirit of sacrifice for the Missions." There were twenty-three banner classes, those raising over \$200. They include: E41-208, E43A-303, E44-107, E44-313, E45-101, E45A-207, E48A-301, E22-108, E23-204, E31A-307, E32-OP, E34-110, E36-112, E36-312, E36A-401, E38-215, E28-206, E12-102, E15-103, E47A-315, E33-309, E42-205.

Tale of Bethlehem

Christmas Story Unfolds; Performance on Dec. 22

The annual Christmas assembly will take place Friday, Dec. 22. This year, the play will be presented by the Dramatics Club, under the direction of Sr. M. Jogues, C.S.J. It will be narrated by Dorothy Dunn.

The story of the play is of a shepherd (Jane Hernandez), who is also a stable boy. When the Blessed Mother (Kathleen Spellman) and St. Joseph (Virginia Cioffi) arrive in Bethlehem, there is no room for them in the inn. Realizing the problem confronting St. Joseph, the boy tells the innkeeper there is a room in the stable. It is here that the Infant is born. The shepherds are portrayed by Miriam Walsh, Mary Walsh and Joanne Carrell. Members of the Speech Club compose the Angelic Chorus.

Musical renditions will be provided by the Glee Club and Orchestra. "Carols and Bells" will be sung by the Glee Club, while the orchestra will play the "Christmas Song." The student body will also participate in the singing of the Christmas hymns.

Another attraction of this assembly will be the presentation of the "Miss Christmas" contestants from each official class. The winners of the contest will be introduced and crowned.

Senior Represents Bishop's at Forum

Rita Axtmann, Editor of the *Laurel*, appeared on the Dorothy Gordon television program, "Youth Forum," on Sunday, Dec. 17th.

Representing Memorial, she joined the guest speaker and other students in a panel discussion on "Should the United States Government Subsidize the Arts?"

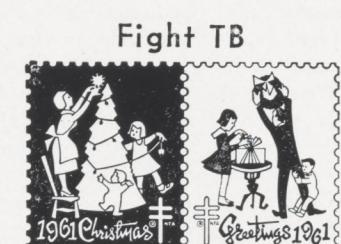
The panelists presented facts both pro and con.

The purpose of the discussion was to obtain teen views on vital issues.

Communities Exhorted To Help Fight TB Menace

Each year, Freshmen in Memorial and its annexes are given a tuberculin test to determine whether any T.B. germs are present in the body. Chest X-Rays are taken at a later date if the tests have proven positive. Thus, the spread of this infectious disease can be checked and with proper treatment arrested permanently.

Tuberculosis rates seventh on the list of death causes. Though males and Negroes are more susceptible, anyone at anytime can become afflicted. The tubercle bacillus attacks about 12,000 Americans annually while another 250,000 have the active germ. There are no symptoms for detection of the bacillus and this fact hinders scientists and researchers. The United States government donates no less than \$70,000,000 for use in medicine, clinics and rehabilitation centers during the year. T.B. is most likely to occur in densely populated areas because of air that has become polluted by the many fumes and gases of industrial plants.

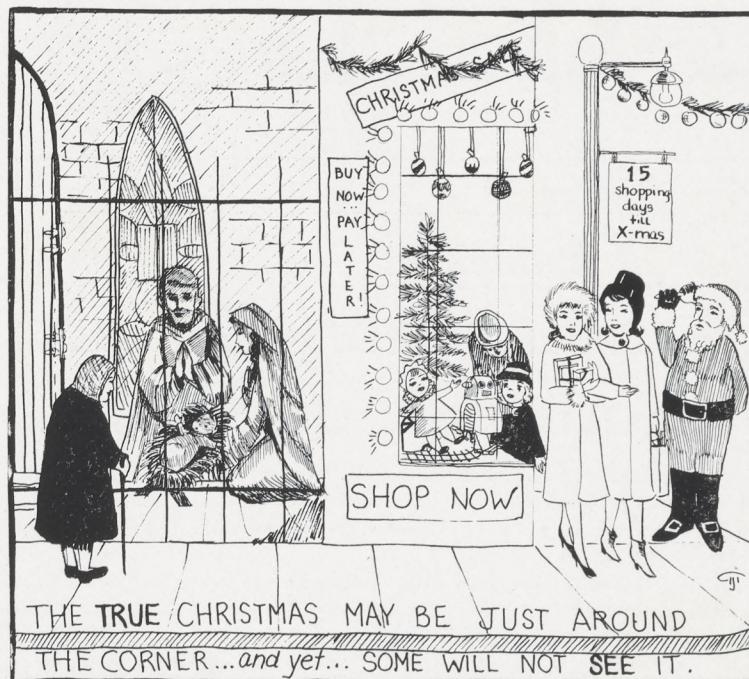


Use Christmas Seals

Constant experiments have resulted in the development of powerful drugs such as streptomycin, para aminosalicylic acid and in 1952, isoniazid. Nevertheless, their effectiveness is limited and oftentimes, the germ becomes resistant to continued medication.

Recurrence of the illness takes place in more than 1,092 of "cured" cases and through negligence of physical condition it may once again become active. Therefore, in order that communities might safeguard themselves, supporting the Christmas seal drive is necessary. Research institutions require the material means to conquer this dread disease.

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Christmas in the Air

"Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas is in the air!" One can feel it in the crispness of the winter wind, bringing a promise of snow, and in the multicolored lights which deck the doorways. The frantic activity in progress for weeks is now at its height, with Christmas only days away. After scanning our gift list, we have purchased "just the right present for our relatives and friends." But, caught in this flurry of last minute activity, many of us have neglected to prepare an offering for the one whose coming we celebrate—the Christ Child.

The connection between our custom of gift-giving and God's bestowing on the world His own Divine Son is quite evident. In the spirit of love for our fellow man, we distribute presents on Christmas morn, just as the Magi presented gifts to the new-born King. What is an appropriate offering for the Child on His birthday?

As children, we diligently prepared a spiritual crib for the Child; ten Hail Marys formed the coverlet, and twenty Our Fathers a pillow. We needed this symbolism to remind us of the significance of the feast, amidst talk of Santa Claus and Christmas trees.

No longer children, we should not require this constant reminder. It is obvious that Christmas should be a time of special prayer, but it is also a time for joyous giving of self, of sacrifice in the name of the Infant.

Without a price tag, we can spread holiday cheer. Beloved by God are the little children. Orphanages and homes are filled with youngsters who would be delighted to spend a day at our home. Because they have been denied the joy of a family with which to spend the jolly season these children would revive our family spirit by their enthusiasm. Often neglected for want of friends, old people, too, appreciate any small token or gift.

Yes, Christmas is joy, Christmas is love, Christmas is giving. With the culmination of the Yuletide season, we should have peace in our hearts because we are men of good will.

R. A.

Let's Get Together

Since the dawn of civilization, the need for a system of rule has been evident. Governments progressed from despotism to democracy. In all stages, co-operation of the people was of major importance. President Lincoln, summarized government as an institution "... of the people, by the people, and for the people . . .," worthy of respect and obedience. The Student Council, as a model of government on a small scale, is worthy of the respect and obedience of the student body.

What is the function of the Student Council? Its purpose resembles that of any constitutional body; to preserve order and efficiency, necessary in the operation of a business establishment. The business at hand is education, difficult enough to attain without waging a constant battle with confusion.

Student Councilors have been appointed to assist the faculty in maintaining discipline. They are deserving of respect, not for themselves, but for the Sisters whom they represent. Perhaps you consider yourself only one among so many, laboring under the delusion that your insignificant violation of a rule cannot possibly affect such a multitude. However, imagine the chaos if one of the many Transit Authority employees decided to run his train in the opposite direction. Disaster would be the result.

Your school is a miniature republic of which you are a citizen. Your government is "of the people" . . . the law enforcers are girls like yourselves, trying to perform a difficult task well. It is "by the people" . . . you have a right to speak against injustice. It is "for the people" . . . discipline furthering the education of every Memorialite. Instruction of two thousand young women is a noble aim, and it is only through mutual cooperation that this goal will be realized.

M. D.

Sans Rancune

I look to gray snow
Of a few days old,
Yet new snow is falling!
Freezing chapped fingers
Numb from the cold,
Yet warm fires glow!
I look to my own heart
Ungrateful with sin,
Yet Christmas is coming!

KATHLEEN TIGHE, E37-104

Johnny Sings for Christmas

Johnny Mathis has done it again, this time with favorite Christmas tunes. Everyone knows of Johnny's "greats"—"Chances Are," "Wonderful, Wonderful"; now he croons the Christmas melodies in his usual, warm and smooth manner. Such standards as, "O Holy Night," "Silver Bells," "The First Noel," are just a few of the tunes interpreted in the album, "Merry Christmas Johnny Mathis." The mellowness of Johnny's voice penetrates the holiday season and his distinctive style enhances the traditional songs of the holidays.

Dr. Schwietzer of Lambarene
by Norman Cousins

This stirring biography is a glimpse into the personality of one of the talented figures of the twentieth century. Dr. Schwietzer, a man considered "The conscience of the age" was a humanitarian dedicated to the improvement of the human race; or as Mr. Cousins expresses it, "It is not so much what he has done for others, but what others have done because of him and the powers of his example."

The Agony and the Ecstasy
by Irving Stone

Based on the life of one of the most famous painters and sculptors in the Renaissance period, Michaelangelo, "The Agony and the Ecstasy" is a current best-seller that relates the master's first awakening interest in art and finally the achievement of his occupational goals. In this inspiring fictionalized biography, Irving Stone presents a well-organized literary work.

Midnight Mass Calls All To Message of Christmas

My dear girls:

In a few days, once again the majestic music of the Midnight Mass will call you to hear the good news of Christmas joy. There will be born to you this day, not 1,900 years ago, but this day, a Saviour who is Christ the Lord. Christmas means that God came down from Heaven to live with you for awhile and then take you back home with Him. God became little to make you great. He came to give you a new lease on life—a lease on his own Divine Life. Christ in a manger on his way to the Cross means one thing—that you are precious in his sight. At Christmas, Christ comes to claim his own—you.

The stable is a small place but there is room in it for one more—you. The outstretched arms of the Infant Christ extend past His Mother and St. Joseph to reach out to you—be you saint or sinner or somewhere in between—be you an old familiar friend or a stranger who left his side a year or two ago.

To reach the stable and understand its message of love, you will have to travel light. To enter it you may have to die to an attachment or an attitude or two—but to really love is always to die a little. You may have to leave the crowd to find the good news, the great joy, the Christmas peace. But, cost or not, Christ must be yours this day or Christmas just won't be Christmas.

Merry Christmas. Sincerely yours in Christ.

FATHER BURKE

Looking Back

School Annals Reveal History Of Brooklyn's Second Prelate

In the remaining months of publication, the LAUREL will present different phases of this school's history and the origin of memorable traditions. It is only fitting then, that we begin the series with a brief account of the person to whose memory the school is dedicated.

The Right Reverend Charles Edward McDonnell, D.D., began his episcopate in 1892 as the second Bishop of the "Isle of Apostles" as Brooklyn was then known. Having studied under the direction of the Christian Brothers in the Entrance College of Francis Xavier he was sent to Rome where he earned the Doctor of Divinity Degree. On his return, he was assigned as an assistant in St. Mary's Church. Moreover, in 1890, he once again journeyed to Rome, this time accompanying Archbishop Corrigan. It was then that Pope Leo XIII conferred the dignity of Private Chamberlain on him—the title of Monsignor Chancellor of New York for ten years.

On April 25, 1892, Monsignor McDonnell was consecrated

Bishop of Brooklyn at St. Patrick's Cathedral, in the presence of former classmates and other well-wishers. Lining the pier on May 2nd, were 125 carriages awaiting the arrival of the ferryboat "Texas" that was bringing the new Prelate to his diocese. His first official act was the dedication of St. Augustine's Church and during his years as Bishop no less than 86 parishes were founded. Bishop McDonnell died on August 8, 1921, but his memory lived on as Memorial opened its doors five years later.

Career Corner

Nursing Offers Satisfaction In Rewarding Experiences

Dolores Coyle, a nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital and a graduate of their school of nursing, when interviewed, stated, "This is one of the most rewarding of all professions, for it constantly offers new experiences."

Caring for patients constitutes the main duties of a nurse, but she is also responsible for instructing student nurses and aides, admitting patients, ordering supplies, and writing reports. She must act as a "check" on the doctors, reminding them of special treatment being given a patient.

Dolores decided on this career after working as an aide in Lutheran Hospital, Brooklyn. "It was a very satisfying job. The only way to examine the possibility of a future in nursing is to work in a hospital while in high school," she remarked.

Many different personality types can make good nurses, but a nurse must have a cheerful outlook on life, have high ethics, and be able to control her emotions. As Dolores says, "One must learn to detach oneself from the work, not becoming attached to the patients."

As a Freshman, much time is spent in classrooms and laboratories, with several hours a week allotted to hospital duty. During the following two years, a nurse may choose a specialty. After graduation, she decides the field she wishes to enter: specializing, hospital nursing, industry, public health, the Service, private duty, or working in a doctor's office.

To obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing, a graduate must study 1½ to 2 years full time, and longer at night, depending on the amount of credits being taken. Many colleges offer courses leading to a B.S. degree in nursing in a four year course, in affiliation with a hospital. This degree equips one for teaching and supervisory work.

Dolores' choice of a nursing school was influenced by a tour she took while in high school. Applications should be made early in Senior year. Although school work is not the only factor considered, good grades are essential and chemistry is a required subject.



Dolores Coyle

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Cheery trees, green boughs, greeting cards, candy canes, and the inevitable Santa Claus have passed the test of time and are part of the age-old traditions which encompass Christmas. Looking into his crystal ball, our psychic nomad has traced the legends behind these practices. Following are his mystic findings.

Now almost a universal symbol of the joyous feast, the first Christmas tree was decorated in Germany. Modeled after an ornamented evergreen, called the "Paradise Tree" which was part of an ancient play telling the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden, the tree was embellished with shiny red apples. When placed in a peasant's hut, it enhanced his drab surroundings. The first Christmas trees in the United States were said to have been erected by homesick Hessian mercenaries during the Revolutionary War. Queen Victoria permitted a tree in Buckingham Palace one year to please her visiting German cousins, and by applying her royal stamp of approval thus extended the custom throughout the British Isles. Credit for the first community tree is given to the people of Pasadena, California, who placed an illuminated tree on Mount Wilson in 1909.

More a secular than religious custom, mistletoe was once known as the "golden bough" because of its association with the winter solstice in Druidical times. In the shape of intersecting circles, mistletoe hung over lintels and beneath it the kiss of peace was given.

In 1844, Rev. Edward Bradley of Newcastle, England sent out lithographed greeting cards, thus initiating the greeting card craze. Cards were booming in Britain by 1870, and by 1890 in the United States. The present annual mailing is estimated at over two and a half billion.

Patron saint of children in many European countries, St. Nicholas is merited with filling the first Christmas stocking. It is said

that he dropped gold down the chimney of a poor family into the footwear which was drying by the fire.

In America, tots are visited by Santa who comes from the midst of Nordic mythology. He was called Odin and rode o'er the world on an eight-foot horse, hence his eight tiny reindeer. When he traveled in a chariot pulled by goats named Cracker and Nasher, he was the pagan God, Thor.

The crystal ball is getting hazy, but wait! A message is now appearing: Merry Christmas to all, and happy holidaying!

Novel Novelties

Christmas is the topic uppermost in everyone's mind. Chuckles arise at the thought of what if . . .

Christmas balls bounced?
Reindeer were shinedeer?
Snowakes were snowcrispies?
North Pole was the North Pillar?

Pine cones had ice-cream?
Christmas Carols were Christmas Judys?
Noël had no Water?
Mistletoe was mistlefinger?
Candy canes were candy crutches?
Santa Claus was Santa Phrase?

Christmas Fashions Sparkle In Brilliant Gold and White

by Laura Fedey

Glistening tinsel, fragile ornaments, snow laden pine boughs, all are reminiscent of the Christmas season. The onrushing holidays bring with them a flurry of last minute shopping, gift wrapping, good wishes and expectations. As the festivities begin, they will be greeted by fashions that are not just striking, attractive, or sparkling, but dramatic, dazzling and glittering. The fabrics, brocade, satin, velveteen, and crepe, are varied, but used ingeniously in this season's leading colors, gold and white.

For the tall girl, a flattering choice might be a champagne satin dress, with an iridescent, sequined bodice, and slightly belled skirt. One with classic preference, might want the elegance of a simply cut dress, having a long sleeved, gold lamé top, and softly gathered, white georgette overskirt. If versatility is your keynote, dressy separates will see you through the holiday parties. These might be, perhaps, a bright pink skirt, with an overblouse in a fushia and orange print, and a basic black velveteen coordinate, both able to be



mixed and matched at will. Yours the petite figure? An ideal dress would be an orangy red sleeveless crepe, with the new gored skirt. To take you visiting, and on a date later that evening is a slim gold brocade, accompanied by its own waist length jacket.

The style of these dresses requires a hair-do to match. Try a new variation on your present coif, and accent it with a contrasting velvet bow, a cluster of holly, or even a tiny Christmas corsage.

Lovely as these fashions are, however, to look their very best, they need you, radiant with Christmas spirit.



Storm Lends Zest to Trip

Exiting from the house, garbed in raincoat, rainhat, rubber boots and armed with a three-foot umbrella, the rushing student wades to an unsheltered bus-stop. After a twenty minute wait, the bus, as if on water skis, lunges into the curve announcing its arrival with a spray of muddy water.

Jostled into the doorway, the girl fumbles for a coin, but only a dollar bill is available. She places it on the plate while a cold, icy stare meets her eye. By now, books and handbag are successfully blocking the passageway and futile attempts are being made to unhook her umbrella that has latched on to a commuter's button. She apologizes profusely while avoiding the fact that her umbrella is draped rakishly across the aisle, booby trapping any unwary victim. From the corner of her eye, she spies a dapper young man who, unaware of the dangers ahead, stubs his toe on the point and leaps half-way down the center of the bus. His targets invariably murmur something similar to, "These young college kids have no manners!" He in turn is searching for the culprit who is now cringing between a brown tweed coat and a May's paper bag.

At last, the buzzer is rung; student treks to the rear door and as vehicle comes to an earthshaking halt, the girl with grace and ease trips down the stairs.

U.S. Welcomes French Miss

by Fran Bonavita

One of Europe's loveliest exports to this country is the attractive young sophisticate Therese Zilvinskis. Born in Latvia in 1943, she and her family traveled to Germany, where they lived for three and a half years. In 1948, her parents, brother, two sisters and herself journeyed to France. During their seven year stay, they resided in Vieille Brioude, a town near Le Puy. Terry recalls her childhood in France with joyous memories. "It is difficult to explain, but somehow the beauty of a river in France was different from seeing it anywhere else." Among the things she'll never forget are the delicious French pastries and cakes which she ate with relish.

Finally, in 1955, Terry embarked for what she considered "the land for the fulfillment of dreams and end of sorrows—the United States of America." In time she grew to love the happy-go-lucky attitude of the Americans (so much so that she became one herself in 1961).

Intriguing French accent, beautiful blonde hair, blue eyes are the ingredients combined to make a very warm hearted, intelligent Memorialite. Now in Senior year, Terry has an eye toward college and a career as a French teacher.

Her favorite interest is music. This charmer has been in the school Glee Club for the past four years and has enjoyed every minute of it. Classical melodies are tops on her list, but an occasional jazz record often sends her "third stream." She loves America and thinks it's the "greatest" socially. "I wouldn't trade it for the world," she says, "for this is my country."

Personalities Plus . . .

If you see a perky, green-eyed brunette, toting an attaché case and wearing a smile, you've probably seen Maureen Dunn of E45-101. This industrious lass, the former president of "Little Bishops," is a commuter from Incarnation parish where she is an officer in the Blessed Virgin Sodality and member of the Basketball Team. An aspiring Political Scientist, Maureen enjoys Latin, English, and History which will invariably be useful in her future. After classes, Maureen can be found at the Creative Writing Club, the Speech Club, or in the gym playing basketball.

Still not tired after an hour and a half trip home, she regularly attends "Junior Achievement," serving as its treasurer, and helps the Nursing Sisters weekly as an "Antoinette."

When not absorbed by one of these projects, Maureen likes to eat pizza, read books on Political Science, and as she says, "I love to spoil my brother, Eddie."



Maureen Dunn



Sylvia Adams

Vivacious, musical, lovable and soft-spoken are the adjectives most often used when describing 106's Sylvia Adams. This bright-eyed, attractive miss who likes "practically" all types of music, is a skilled drummer in the school band. Finding it difficult to appear stern, Sylvia attempts it when, as Student Court convenes, she dons the black robes of justice and presides as one of its judges.

Also active in her parish, St. Clement's, she is a member of their prize winning brigade. Sylvia, herself, captured top award as a drum soloist. Not minding the cold, she spends much time ice skating during the winter months.

After careful consideration, Sylvia has decided to study at the University of Buffalo, following graduation, to prepare for a career in occupational therapy.

Barbara D'Oca is a brown-eyed brunette who might well merit the title of "Miss School Spirit." Always ready to lend a helping hand, she has given much time assisting teachers and working on school projects. While officiating as President of E48-H.R., Barbara also directs a staff on the *Mitre* since she has been elected to the Editorial Board. This Leo Honor member extends her generosity to the Convent of Mercy Orphanage where she cares for pre-school age children. Each Wednesday finds Barbara giving religious instructions to other youngsters in Presentation Parish. An active member of the Children of Mary Sodality and a credit to Bishop's in many ways, this cutie won three commendations for efficient service in the Telephone Company last summer. A lover of music, Barbara is an enthusiastic fan of Bishop's Glee Club and Orchestra. Known for her sunny outlook, she adds, "My only sadness is that someday, I'm going to have to leave Bishop's."



Barbara D'Oca

Beauty and Economy Combine In Christmas Gift Suggestions

As it is fast approaching zero-hour for Christmas gift buying, we asked a few of Bishop's most adept shoppers for some suggestions.

Trudy Schulpf of 206 suggests "food for everybody on your list; cookies, cakes, and candies are all easily made, and are 'usually' enjoyed."

For those of you whose culinary "skills" are unappreciated, "Spray-mist cologne is the perfect thing for friends or perhaps an older sister," offers Eileen Callahan of 307.

"If you have some hard-to-please male friends or brothers, a pearl or sterling silver tie tack might be just the thing," thinks Cheryl Kraus of 305 who, with three brothers, should know.

However, if it's clothes for which you're shopping, "The latest colors in men's fashions are copper and magenta," advises Jacqueline McDonald of 215.

Your mother would probably appreciate a piece of the new, revolutionary cooking ware that is replacing the usual pots and pans. For about \$3.00 a shiny utensil can be purchased.

"Perhaps something a bit more glamorous, such as a lipstick compact set in pretty pastel shades for \$4.00 is in order," pipes up Alice Bitetti of 105.

"Dad would like a subscription to one of the weekly news magazines or maybe he'd prefer one of the current best-sellers," volunteers Rosemary Jordan of the History Room.

Campus Notes

JAN. 2—School opens. Wake up, sleepyhead! Begin the new year with a grin.

JAN. 13—CEEB—for those who plan to win a scholarship or two.

JAN. 23—Diocesan Exams—Really now, we just finished mid-terms.

JAN. 25—Attention all Seniors—the ominous day of your Math regents has arrived.

FEB. 1—Second Term begins—Better luck this half!

FEB. 12—Lincoln's Birthday. Another holiday, thanks to the Great Emancipator.

FEB. 14—Valentine's Day. Candy, flowers, and kisses galore for all!

FEB. 22—Washington's Bon Fete—and it's been three months since the Seniors received their rings.

Club Chatter**Yuletide Festivities Vary
But Spirit Prevails in All**

Puisqu'il y a deux classes de troisième année de français, il y aura deux programmes de Noël offerts par le cercle français. Celles qui se réunissent le vendredi dans la salle 213 presenteront "Le Noël de M. Scrooge" une adaptation du conte de Charles Dickens. La présidente de ce groupe, Victoria Alberton, nous dit que Maryann Janns jouera le rôle de Scrooge et Mary Ann Fastook le spectre de Marlowe.

L'autre classe qui se réunit le lundi dans la salle 109 offrira une représentation de "La Nativité." Selon la présidente Joan Dickey, la matière du programme fut tirée de la Bible française. Dans les rôles principaux sont Janet Sikoski comme la Vierge et Mary Ann Duffy comme Saint Joseph. Les deux pièces auront lieu dans le Petit Théâtre, le vendredi et le lundi avant Noël.

Les membres, la Soeur Marie Fidelis et la Soeur Louis Marie les directrices du cercle français souhaitent à tout le monde, "Joyeux Noël."

Il Circolo d'italiano di E43-211 offrirà il suo primo programma di Natale. La presentazione consisterà di due parti principali. La prima parte accade in Italia, dove i ragazzi italiani dimostreranno le sue feste di Natale ai dei ragazzi americani. Incluso pure nella scena italiana, sarà il ricevimento dei regali della Befana.

Negli Stati Uniti, i ragazzi americani presenteranno la loro versione di Natale. Negli Stati Uniti, in ogni caso, c'è un albero di Natale, che è adornato con palle e stelle d'ogni colore, e con le lampadine elettriche. I ragazzi aspettano la venuta di Papà Natale (Santa Claus), che porta regioni polare doni a tutti.

Hard at work but low on funds, the English Club will hold its first "chip in" Christmas Party, Monday, December 19, at which the girls are asked to bring not only pretzels and candy, but smiling faces and happy hearts.

Remember why there is a Christmas and enjoy a gay holiday season. The Francis de Sales Club Moderator, Editors and Members extend to you their wishes for a very Blessed Christmas and a Wonderful New Year!

Watchful Waiting

Through the frosty pane, I glee-
fully gaze
While soft, dainty flakes form a
thick, white haze.
"No school, no school"—Wishful
thinking I know;
Still, all I can picture are great
mountains of snow.
"Why they really can't expect
fragile students like us
To travel on some broken-down
old bus,
That just about makes it on days
bright and cheery,
But groans and rattles on days
gray and dreary.
They won't make us march on
little feet
That get cold and blue in rain
and sleet.
At last the Board is overcome with
sorrow,
And proclaims the message,
"Schools Closed Tomorrow."
CYNTHIA NASTA, E48-H.R.

**Students Attend
"La Traviata"**

Sister Mary Nazarita, S.M., Head of the Music Department, has announced that students will visit the Metropolitan Opera House to view Giuseppe Verdi's "La Traviata." The date is set for February 13 of next year and tickets may be purchased in the Music Room.

In Memoriam

On behalf of the faculty and student body of Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School, the Laurel staff wishes to express its sympathy at the death of Sister Agnes Gertrude, C.S.J. Sister, who faithfully served on Memorial's English staff from 1926-1930, passed away November 26, 1961.

May she rest in peace.

Go, Girls, Go!

Crisp is the air and hearty are the cheers as the 1961-62 basketball season gets under way. For your convenience the LAUREL polled the upcoming games of several schools for the year. These are night games, many of which are followed by dances.

Most Holy Trinity	
Jan. 5	Loughlin
Jan. 19	St. Francis Prep
Jan. 26	Chaminade
Feb. 9	Brooklyn Prep
Feb. 11	Cathedral (Madison Square)
Feb. 23	All Hallows (Madison Square)
Bishop Loughlin	
Dec. 15	Power Memorial
Dec. 22	St. Francis Prep
Jan. 12	McClancy
Feb. 2	Trinity
Archbishop Molloy	
Dec. 26, 27, 28	Marist Invitational Tournament at Molloy; Molloy vs. St. Helena
Jan. 13	St. Francis Prep
Jan. 27	Holy Cross
Feb. 3	McClancy
Feb. 10	Loughlin
All Hallows	
Jan. 12	Mt. St. Michael
Jan. 19	Cardinal Hayes
Jan. 26	La Salle
Feb. 9	Rice

Bishop's Speaks

Ques.: What have you planned for the Christmas holidays?

Alice Czubakowski, E12—"Eating."

Ellen Lindeman, E31A—"Studying Latin."

Paula Bilello, E47—"I'm going to cover the ceiling with mistletoe."

Carol Spagnolo, Ec34—"Catch forty winks."

Mary Ellen McGowan, E12—"Spend the week writing thank you notes to all the relatives."

Donna Brennan, E31A—"Experiment with My Sin perfume."

Joan Siegfried, E21—"Forget school."

HONOR ROLL**E11-201**

Mary Lynn Berry, 97; Margaret Craig, 97; Maria Toffe, 97; Diane Culkin, 96; Mary Ann Gerve, 96; Elizabeth Micalini, 95; Phyllis Elustondo, 95; Laureen Roman, 94; Mary Russo, 93; Mary Ann Lawrence, 92; Regina Leeds, 92; Diane Baccio, 90; Maureen Maher, 90; Marie Scuderi, 90.

E12-102

Lorraine Cammarata, 96; Wanda Adamik, 96; Alice Czubakowski, 95.6; Lynn Davis, 94.5; Paula Salamo, 94; Ruth Short, 94; Helen Brown, 93.5; Donna Paduana, 93.1; Christine Lapan, 92.3; Joyce Terlizzi, 91.5; Phyllis Lombardo, 90.3.

E13-209

Joan Schusteritsch, 97; Victoria Herbert, 93; Patricia Moccia, 93.

E15-103

Faye DeSanto, 96.5; Cuba Lopez, 96; Herlinda Santullano, 95.6; Antoinette Tavicchio, 95.3; Geraldine Raggi, 94.8; Ann Marie Nappo, 94.1; Joan O'Shea, 93.8; Gloria Nizich, 93; Autilia DeVito, 92.8; Carol Ann Francis, 92.5; Lorraine Murray, 92.5; Virginia Curry, 91.8; Rita Crowe, 91.3; Maureen Deliso, 90.1.

E16-310

Marie Grillo, 96.5; Dorothy Dunn, 95.8; Catherine Lantz, 95.6; JoAnn Gill, 94.5; Christina Kuchciak, 92.8; Linda Lubiano, 92.6; Phyllis Labriola, 91.6; Maureen Kilgallon, 91.3; Catherine Ambery, 90.5; Kathleen Graves, 90.3.

E17-308

Alice Voltaggio, 99; Irene Buszko, 96.6; Alice Paplin, 94.5; Catherine Smith, 94; Elizabeth McKenna, 93; Phyllis Nappo, 92.6; Elizabeth McLaughlin, 91.9; Christine Maher, 91.5; Margaret Mayerhofer, 90.6.

E21-306

Maria Celo Cruz, 96; Catherine Colgan, 95; Marie Cantone, 92.

E22-108

Anita D'Amica, 95.

E23-204

Mary Gehring, 95; Claire Drake, 90.6; Joan Howe, 90.

E25-203

Diane Romeo, 94.5; Anne Medden, 94.4; Mary Sullivan, 93.8; Lois Tacca, 90.5.

E26-212

Patricia McNeil, 93.6; Diane Burgel, 93; Anita Montelione, 91; Linda Commender, 90.8; Dianne Rose, 90.8; Joan Daley, 90.

E27-213

Judith Fay, 96; Janet Rossi, 96; Lois Matarazzo, 94; Mary Shanahan, 94; Gerola Aloisi, 92; Theresa Bendorius, 92; Justine DeVito, 92; Karen Gallagher, 92; Barbara Smith, 92; Joanne Purpi, 90; Virginia Ruzgas, 90.

E31-105

Carolyn Corbett, 97.1; Lucille DeLybovi, 93.3; Margaret Gordon, 92.8; Regina Bozzone, 90.6; Barbara Lalla, 90.6; Kathleen Murphy, 90.6.

E31A-307

Pamela Coscia, 98; Diana Crimi, 94; Joan Czubakowski, 92; Anne Donovan, 92.

E32-210

Maureen McCormick, 94.3; Maureen Carroll, 93.5; Maura Gouck, 93.1; Susan O'Mara, 93.1; Barbara Ficeto, 92.5; Kathleen Easter, 92.1; Eileen Martinez, 91.5; Kathleen Barden, 91.3; Joyce Coleman, 90.1.

Ec32-O.P.

Elizabeth Darby, 97; Josephine DeMaggio, 97; MaryAnn Esposito, 97; Annette Albaneze, 96; Marie Tomo, 96; Julia Hoban, 95; Joan Farley, 94; Kathleen Myers, 94; Christine Borowski, 93; Eileen Ganley, 93; Veronica Iovine, 93; Bernadette Agnew, 92; Victoria Buro, 92; Marie Glifford, 92.

E37A-305

Judith Smith, 96; Anne Flateau, 95; Julia Holub, 95; Caroline Rufolo, 95; Mary Sullivan, 95; Lorraine Umek, 95; Carole Adamson, 94; Elaine Gentile, 94; Cheryl Kraus, 93; Sandra Sanders, 93.3; Elizabeth Stoll, 93; Kathleen Tighe, 93; Clare McDonald, 92.8; Patricia Burke, 92.3; Linda Eberhardt, 91.8; Nancy Kinkel, 91.5; Theresa Schulz, 91.5; Maria Popadivk, 91.3; Carol Mollenhauer, 90.8; Judith Budrikis, 90.

E38-215

Diane Fields, 94; Joan Keenan, 94; Felicitas Reynolds, 94; Margaret Crinigan, 93; JoAnn DiLorenzo, 93; Geraldine Dunn, 93; Mary McManus, 92; Dorothy Ross, 92; Patricia McLoughlin, 91; Miriam Walsh, 91; Maureen Lynch, 90.

E41-208

MaryAnn Fastook, 93.2; Janet Stappert, 92.2; Marianne Duffy, 92; Carole Seaward, 92.

E42-205

Ann Sulli, 98; Eileen King, 96.8;

Joanne McGuire, 92.8; MaryEllen Sarsfield, 92.8; Margaret Klein, 91.8;

Maryann Marchese, 90.6; Virginia Giangrosso, 90.

E42-317

Jane Darcy, 96; Rebecca Patten, 96;

Kathleen Hueston, 95; Adeline LaFond, 95; Frances Romano, 94;

Maria Fico, 93; Geraldine Congemi, 92; Greta Kelleher, 92; Madeline Mayer, 92; Margaret McGarvey, 91.

In Memoriam

The faculty and student body of Bishop McDonnell

wish to express their deepest sympathy to Madeline

McCarren of E37D-309 and

Karen Fahrback E36-112 on

the death of their fathers.

Laurelaff

Christmas is coming.....

....I wonder what we can get for Sally!

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BettyLou Schiltz, 92; Joyce Schilter, 92; Elvira Bencivenga, 91.

E33-202

Bernadette Sochacki, 96.7.

Ec33-309

Eileen Mieso, 97.5; Patricia Fanning, 96.2; Mary Neue, 95.4; Karen Jones, 94.7; Louise Cottone, 94.2;

Barbara Kearny, 93.6; Melody Barragan, 93.4; Lorraine LiVichi, 93.2; Maureen Mackaro, 93.1; Carolyn Kuchnicki, 92.1; Norma Matarazzo, 92; Dianne Magliano, 91.6; MaryEllen Mullen, 91.5; Kathleen Toner, 90.5.

E34-110

Margaret Mary Duggan, 96; Maureen Reagen 93.3; Patricia Hylas, 91.2.

Ec34-319

Kathleen McLernon, 95; Carol Moran, 95; Karen Brunda, 94;

Roberta McAllister, 93; Susan McGowan, 93; Joanne Treubig, 93;

Annie DeRusso, 92; Eileen Nicols, 92; Patricia Rabbitto, 92; Leonora Giaguino, 91; Marianne Russo, 91; Elizabeth Sullivan, 90.

E44-107

Mary McGrory, 95; Rita McCauley, 93.

E44-313

Kathleen Gannon, 97; Penelope Cappa, 90.3; Elizabeth Kehoe, 90.2;

Marianne Sinutko, 90.1; Diane DeSilva, 90.

E45-101

Lynn Brombacher, 96; Linda Dra-

gotta, 94.8; MaryPat Brennan, 92.2;

Rosemarie Ciccone, 91.4; Ann Line-

weaver, 90.5; Patricia Guibord, 90.

E45A-207